

**PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2015 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paddy Nelson, Chairman
Eric Schott
Diana Werner
Audrey Reith

STAFF PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Michael Pickel and Julie Gardner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of February 18, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

VOLUNTEERS

The forms and waivers for organizations and individuals were provided. Eric will initiate and maintain for monthly workday.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

It was recommended that the Community Garden be mentioned on the West Grove facebook page and posted on the information portion of the kiosk as well. The garden is not yet listed on the Township Website under the Goddard Park Heading, as the Board recommended. Suzanne will follow up on all this. It is listed on "Find a Garden" site.

There was good discussion on the method of opening and closing the gardens, water access and plot assignment. The goal should be to fill all plots on a first come first served basis. If an individual or group would like additional plots, they could be wait listed and if there are vacant plots they could be assigned. This process as well as the access to the plots and water need to be better defined and information disseminated.

Paddy stated that he feels the board is being underutilized in this situation and he would like to see more board involvement in all these issues.

GOUGE TRAIL BRIDGE/STONECROFT CONNECTOR

We understand that monies are available from the Repair and Maintenance Fund. The Board therefore recommends that the process be initiated to construct this bridge.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Natural Land Trust holds the easement on the Goddard Park Lands. The official annual walk took place this year on March 13, 2015.

Bat boxes: This project is Eagle Scout candidate Justin Lytle. He needs to complete the informational signage and post it to complete the project.

5K trail markers: This project is Eagle Scout candidate Tyler Mebane. It has not been worked on as planned last fall.

Girl Scout Tree planting: The Scouts contacted Pickel Landscaping requesting a flowering tree rather than a native hardwood as recommended. They will present at the April meeting.

Grant Searches: Audrey has done preliminary searches and identified several grant opportunities that she believes are applicable to our needs, especially looking forward to phase III. These include Sierra Club, Land O Lakes, Biodiversity and Protection, Urban forestry. Audrey will get updated information and pass it along to the Township to pursue.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Next month's meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Werner